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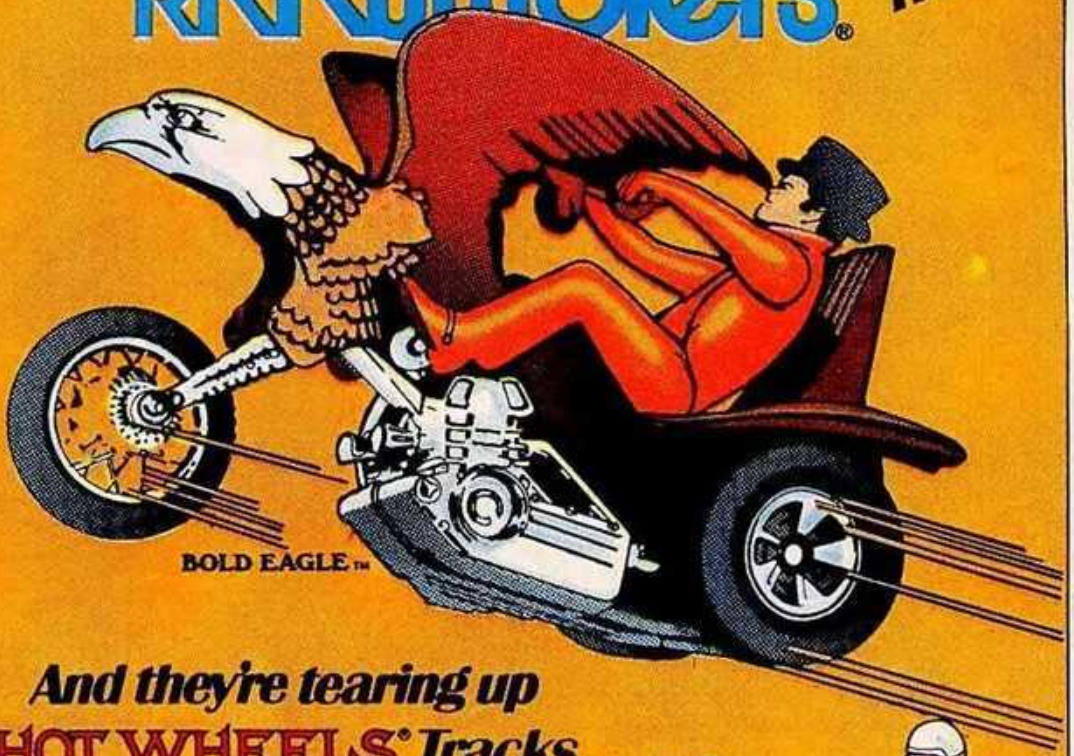

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WOW! A FIENDISHLY CLEVER SET-UP! YOU'RE RIGHT, LOIS!
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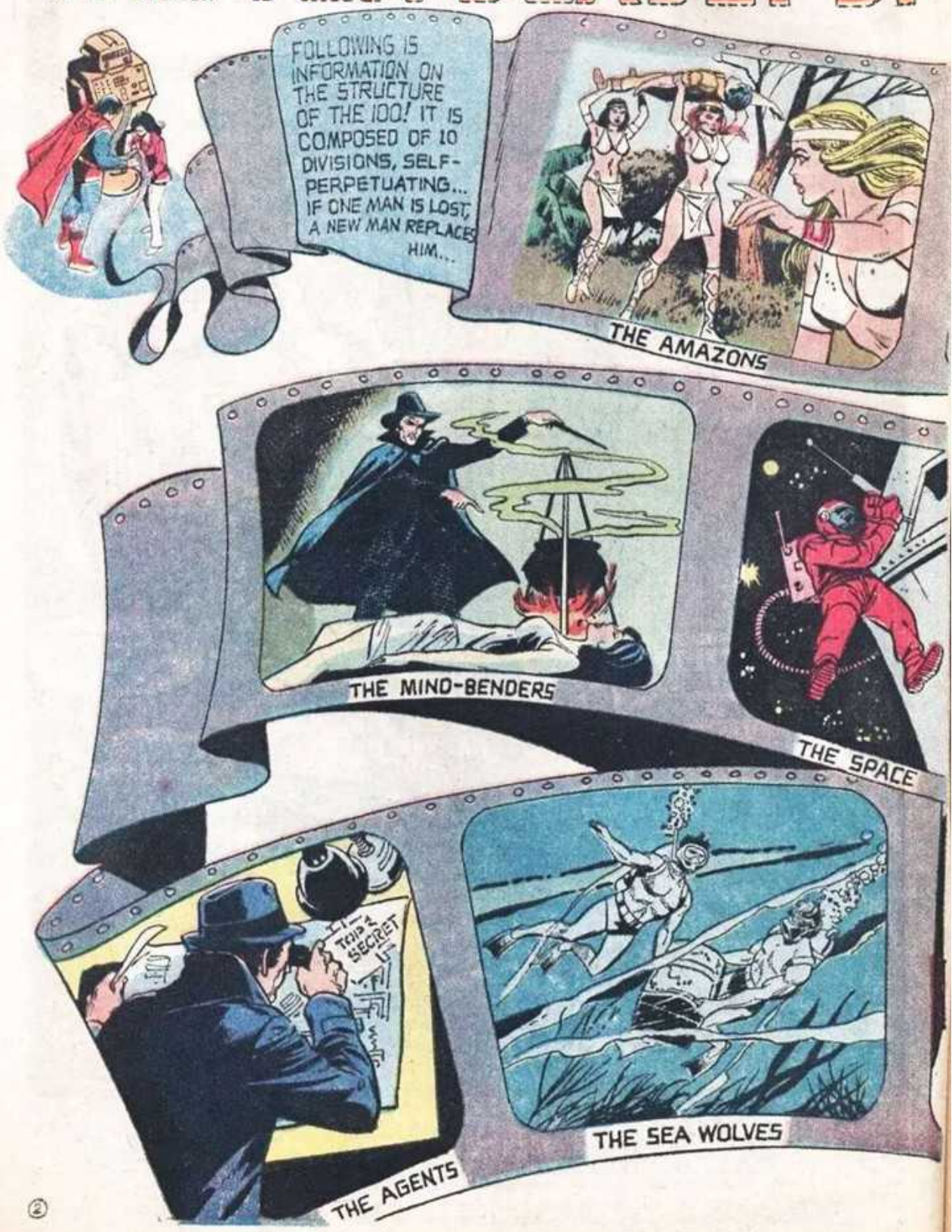
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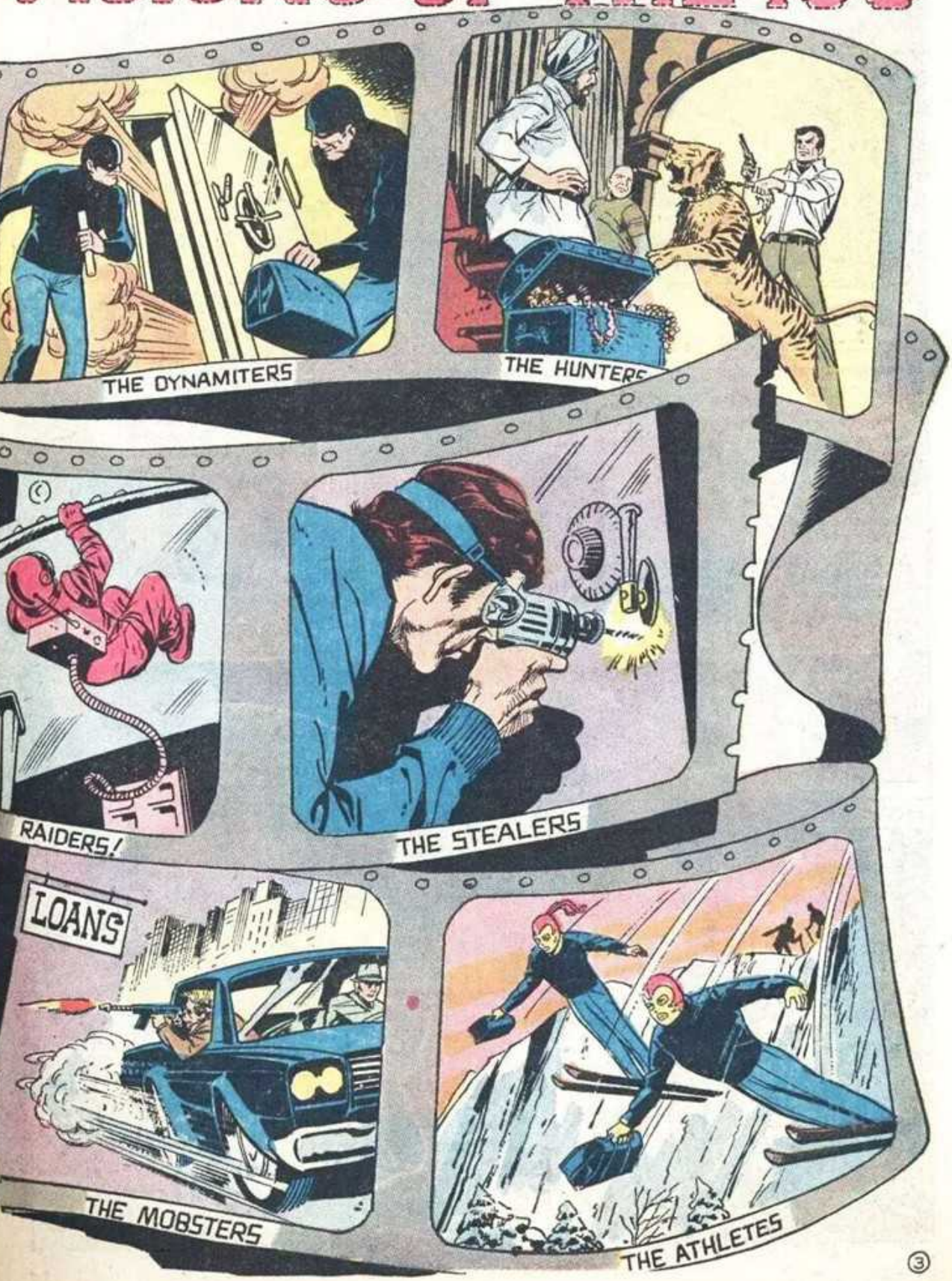

GREAT KRYPTON! THE 100 IS EVERYWHERE! I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO BEGIN TO FIGHT IT!
WE CAN START BY WARNING THE PUBLIC... TELLING IT ALL LIKE IT IS!
I'M TAKING K.A.R.L. TO THE POLICE! IT'S VITAL THAT THEY GET THIS NEW INFORMATION!
AND I'M OFF TO THE DAILY PLANET! THIS IS ONE SCOOP PERRY WHITE WON'T WANT TO MISS!
HERE'S THE 100 STORY, PERRY-- HOT OFF THE TYPEWRITER!
GREAT! BUT I WISH YOU'D STOP FREE-LANCING AND WORK FOR ME FULL TIME AGAIN, LOIS!
UH-OH! I HEAR AN ASSIGNMENT COMING ON!
STATION WGBS-T.V.'S SATELLITE IS DUE TO BE LAUNCHED AT SPACE CAPE IN AN HOUR! THE STORY IS YOURS-- IF YOU WANT IT!
AN HOUR! WHEW! BUT I'D LOVE TO COVER A SPACE-SHOT! I'LL DASH HOME AND CHANGE!
SOON...
SISTER! WHAT'VE YOU BEEN UP TO?
WE WONDERED-- MUNCH, CRUNCH! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU-- CHOMP!
BET OUR ROOM-MATE WAS HOT ON A STORY!
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PRACTICING YOUR YOGA, JULIE?
RELAXES ME FOR A MODELING SESSION I'VE GOT COMING UP!
WON'T EVEN HAVE TIME FOR LUNCH!
AS FOR YOU, MARSHA-- DRUMSTICKS ARE NOT ON YOUR DIET!
HEYY! KRISTIN AND JULIE LET ME CHEAT ONCE IN AWHILE!
THEY SHOULD KNOW BETTER! ALL OF US PROMISED TO HELP YOU LOSE WEIGHT!
HERE'S YOUR LUNCH, JULIE!
MMMMFPPF--
AND YOU'VE GOT A WGBS HELICOPTER WAITING FOR YOU ON THE ROOF?
WISH I HAD A PILOT TO CHAUFFEUR ME AROUND TOWN!
FORGET IT, MARSHA! A PLANE COULD NEVER GET OFF THE GROUND WITH YOU IN IT!
NOW, NOW, GIRLS!
BYE!
GOOD LUCK, LOIS!
THANKS!
JULIE AND MARSHA ARE FUN ROOMMATES! BUT KRISTIN IS A MYSTERY TO ME! I DON'T DIG HER!
SHE CAN BE NICE ONE MINUTE--AND NASTY THE NEXT!
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AND AFTER A SWIFT FLIGHT DOWN THE COAST...
THERE IT IS-- THE SPACE CAPE!
JUST IN TIME, TOO! THE SATELLITE IS DUE TO BE LAUNCHED IN A FEW MORE MINUTES!
A MOMENT LATER, AS THE COUNT-DOWN BEGINS...
...WHEN THIS COMMUNICATIONS UNIT ORBITS THE EARTH, WGBS WILL HAVE TOTAL NEWS COVERAGE ALL OVER THE WORLD!
COULD YOU TELL US ABOUT THE ROCKET BOOSTER, GENERAL?
10 SECONDS AND COUNTING... 10... 9... 8... 7...
6 SECONDS AND COUNTING...
INTERFERENCE! A GROUP OF U.F.O.'S* FLOATING IN THE SECTOR WE'RE AIMING FOR!
U.F.O.'S?* WHAT ARE THEY, GENERAL? ANY IDEA?
CAN'T DETERMINE YET! BUT WE CAN'T RISK SENDING THE SATELLITE UP UNTIL THE AREA'S CLEARED!
*UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.
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WHAT NOW, GENERAL?
WE MUST LEARN THE EXACT NATURE OF THOSE MYSTERIOUS RADAR BLIPS! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO GET THE ANSWER--
USSR
--WE'RE SENDING AN ASTRONAUT INTO ORBIT TO INVESTIGATE! HE'S SPENT THE LAST 24 HOURS IN SIMULATED WEIGHTLESSNESS! HE SHOULD BE A-OK! THERE HE GOES!
WHEE! HE'S GORGEOUS! I SEE MY CHANCE FOR A SNEAK PREVIEW!
SECONDS LATER, LOIS SLYLY FOLLOWS THE PILOT TO HIS EQUIPMENT LOCKER...
LT. CARVER
LT. CARVER, COULD YOU COMMENT ON--
LIEUTENANT! WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU OKAY?
OHHHHH...
GASP! EFFECTS... TEST... ZERO GRAVITY ... DELAYED... REACTION... DIZZY...
ULP! WHAT SHOULD I DO?
READY ROOM
DON'T... PANIC... NO... DANGER...
TELL... GENERAL... GET OTHER... PILOT...
NEED... REST... GET ME... MEDIC...
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REPORT FOR CAPSULE ENTRY CARVER! WE'RE READY TO BEGIN COUNTDOWN!
HE'S PASSED OUT AGAIN! MY NURSE'S TRAINING TELLS ME IT'S JUST A MILD FAINTING SPELL!
I'VE GOT A WILD IDEA!!

ANY LUCK CONTACTING SUPERMAN YET? HE COULD FLY INTO SPACE FASTER THAN WE CAN SEND A MAN UP!
ALL T.V. AND RADIO STATIONS ARE ON THE ALERT! NO RESPONSE SO FAR!

NO RESPONSE? WHY? THE MAN OF STEEL IS OFF LIMITS FROM ANY CONTACT WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD...
RECENT UNDER-SEA QUAKES HAVE RIPPED GAPS OPEN IN THE TRANS-ATLANTIC CABLE!
IT'LL TAKE TIME TO FUSE THE SEVERED WIRES TOGETHER WITH HEAT VISION!

AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, SPECIALISTS EXAMINE THE BIZARRE HUMANOID COMPUTER SUPERMAN HAD DELIVERED TO THEM...
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, HARRY?
SEEMS TO BE A SIMPLE DATA-STORAGE MACHINE... WITH NO REASONING CAPACITY!
YET WHY DID THEY BUILD IT TO LOOK LIKE A MAN?

GOOD GRIEF! IT-- IT'S GETTING UP!
MAYBE IT'S BEING ACTIVATED BY REMOTE CONTROL!
DON'T LET IT OUT OF THIS ROOM!
CLICK!
RRRRR!

WE CAN'T STOP IT! LOOK WHAT IT'S DOING TO THAT CONCRETE WALL!
RRRRR
CALL THE SERGEANT! WE CAN'T LET K.A.R.L. LOOSE IN PUBLIC!
CRASH!
MEANWHILE, AT SPACE CAPE...
YOU'RE HOLDING UP THE LAUNCH, CARVER! GET ABOARD PRONTO!
SUPERMAN DIDN'T ANSWER OUR S.O.S...YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL US WHAT THOSE RADAR BLIPS ARE!
A FEW MINUTES AND A 30-SECOND COUNTDOWN LATER...
WHEW! I DID IT! IT WORKED!
THE CAPSULE'S FLIGHT PATTERN WAS COMPUTERIZED IN ADVANCE... THANK GOD! THIS SHIP IS HANDLING ITSELF NOW!
SUPERMAN WOULD CALL THIS A RECKLESS STUNT! BUT IT MAY GIVE ME THE YEAR'S BIGGEST STORY!
IT'S LOIS LANE! SHE TRICKED US! AND WE CAN'T BRING HER DOWN!
THAT STUPID FEMALE! LT. CARVER WAS GOING UP TO OBSERVE! WHAT THE BLAZES CAN SHE DO UP THERE?

MEANWHILE, A STRANGE ROBOT-HUNT TAKES PLACE IN THE STREETS OF METROPOLIS...
SQUAD CAR 33, REPORTING... NO TRACE OF K.A.R.L.!
PROCEEDING TO NEXT BLOCK-- OVER!
POLICE
WHILE UP IN SPACE...
SUPERMAN HAS FLOWN ME INTO SPACE DOZENS OF TIMES! --SO I'M USED TO BEING WEIGHTLESS!
THIS IS THE SECTOR WHERE THOSE BLIPS WERE PINPOINTED! BUT I DON'T SEE ANY...
OMIGOSH! THOSE ASTRONAUTS-- TAMPERING WITH ONE OF OUR SATELLITES! THEY'RE WHAT THE RADAR PICKED UP!
BUT THOSE UNIFORMS AREN'T AMERICAN... OR RUSSIAN!
SO WHO ARE THEY?
U.S.A.
AND AS THE "STUPID FEMALE" FIGURES THE ANGLES...
THAT MUST BE THEIR SPACESHIP! NO TELL-TALE MARKINGS ON THE HULL-- EXCEPT FOR THAT STRANGE INSIGNIA!
THREE X'S! WHAT COULD IT MEAN--?
X+X
USA
OF COURSE! X IS THE ROMAN NUMERAL FOR 10!
AND 10 TIMES 10--
--EQUALS THE 100!

SUDDENLY...
WE GOT HIM!
YIPES!
TAKE THE SNOOPER BACK TO THE SHIP!
YOWII!
HEYY!!
THESE JOKERS DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE ZERO-GRAVITY JUDO!
WHEW! THE 100'S THUGS ARE JUST AS STUPID UP HERE AS ON THE GROUND!
OOOFFF!
UHH! SHE FIGHTS LIKE A WILDCAT! IF I CAN JUST GET TO HER OXYGEN TANK...
OH, NO! THAT'S A DAME INSIDE THAT SUIT!
X+X
GOT IT! THIS MINIATURE AIR-INJECTOR WILL FILTER KNOCK-OUT GAS INTO HER AIR SUPPLY!
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QUICKLY, THE TOXIC FUMES NUMB LOIS' SENSES ...
NOW SHE'S IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT BACK! WE GOTTA FIND OUT WHO SHE IS BEFORE WE KILL HER!
OHHH... SO GROGGY... CAN'T... THINK STRAIGHT... IF ONLY SUPERMAN WERE HERE...

BUT THE ACTION ACE IS THOUSANDS OF MILES BELOW, STILL BUSY IN THE WATERY REALM SOMETIMES CALLED INNER SPACE...
JUST TWO MORE BREAKS TO FUSE--AND THE TELEPHONE CABLE WILL BE WORKING AGAIN!

SOON...
LOIS LANE!
SO... I'M FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE SPACE-RAIDERS DIVISION OF THE 100! WHY ARE YOU IN ORBIT... MEDDLING WITH SATELLITES?
A TYPICAL REPORTER'S QUESTION!

BEFORE I ELIMINATE YOU, I'LL LET YOU IN ON THE SCOOP YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO WRITE!
IF I KNOW THE 100, YOU RATS HAVE SOME FIENDISH PLOT IN MIND!

MY 9 FELLOW RAIDERS OUT "THERE ARE FINISHING "OPERATION SPACE NECKLACE!"
SOON, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL BE FORCED TO PAY MILLIONS TO THE 100!
A WORLD-WIDE RANSOM? IS THAT IT?

THE MAJOR POWERS HAVE SENT DOZENS OF PROBES INTO ORBIT! BUT WE PLAN, WITH...
...OUR SPACE-NECKLACE, TO CONNECT THEIR SATELLITES WITH A UNIQUE CABLE ENCIRCLING THE EARTH...
...A CABLE THAT WILL MAGNETIZE EVERY SCRAP OF METAL IT TOUCHES!
OUR ARTIFICIAL MAGNETIC FIELD IS SO POWERFUL-- IT WILL REPEL ANYTHING THAT FLIES NEAR IT! NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND, MISS LANE?
OH NO! THE 100 PLANS TO BRING THE SPACE-RACE TO AN ABRUPT HALT!
RIGHT! NO MORE ROCKET LAUNCHINGS! NO MORE MOONSHOTS! NO NOTHING! UNLESS THE MAJOR POWERS PAY OUR PRICE, THE EXPLORATION IS DEAD!
AREN'T YOU FORGETTING ABOUT SUPERMAN? IT TAKES MORE THAN MAGNETISM TO STOP HIM!
TRUE-- THAT'S WHY WE RIGGED THE NECKLACE WITH ATOMIC BOMBS TO EXPLODE WHEN DISTURBED!
SUPERMAN WON'T RISK SATURATING EARTH WITH FALLOUT!
UH-OH...
HE'S GOING TO KILL ME!
IF I CAN JUST FEEL THE RIGHT SWITCH BEHIND ME...
END OF INTERVIEW, MISS LANE-- DEAD END!
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WHILE THAT GOON WAS GLOATING, I STUDIED THE MASTER CONSOLE BOARD--
...AND IF MY HAND IS ON THE RIGHT LEVER--
...THIS IS THE SHIP'S ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY CONTROL!
GRAVITY CONTROL
10
20
30
CLICK!
AT ONCE, THE LARGE COCKPIT BECOMES AS WEIGHTLESS AS THE STARRY STAGE OUTSIDE IT...
HEY, WHAT'S HAPPENIN'?!
ZERO GRAVITY AGAIN! TIME TO DO MY THING!
BLAM
UHHHHH...
THAT TAKES CARE OF SPACE RAIDER #1!
... I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP HIS NINE ASTRO-NUTS ALONE...
--WITHOUT THE HELP OF A CERTAIN SOMEONE!
CAREFULLY, THE WOMAN REPORTER TAKES CONTROL OF THE SPACE-CRAFT...
I FREED THE ROCKET-EXHAUSTS ...NOW IF I CAN MANAGE TO STEER THIS THING INTO THE RIGHT SPACE-MANEUVERS...
JUST HOPE HE SEES THE SIGNAL BEFORE THE RAIDERS COMPLETE THE NECKLACE AND ACTIVATE THEIR SATELLITE BOOBY-TRAPS!
MOMENTS LATER...
FINALLY FINISHED MY UNDERWATER REPAIR WORK! NOW I CAN--
UH-OH! WHAT'S THAT?
GREAT KRYPTON! CAN IT BE? I DON'T BELIEVE WHAT MY TELESCOPE EYES TELL ME IS UP IN SPACE!
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MEANWHILE...
SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED TO #1! ONLY A STRANGER WOULD DRIVE A SHIP IN SUCH CRAZY CIRCLES!
ULP! THEY'RE COMING FOR ME...
SHE CAN'T JET AWAY NOW! I JUST DAMAGED THE ROCKET-EXHAUSTS!
KAPOW!

...AND I BET THAT RAY-BLAST CRIPPLED THE SHIP SO I CAN'T ESCAPE THEM!
ONCE THE 100 GETS TO ME, I'M A SPACE-CORPSE FOR SURE!

BUT A DYNAMIC RED-AND-BLUE CAPED FIGURE JOINS THE SQUAD OF ASTRONAUTS...
WHOOSH!
GULP! S-SUPERMAN! HOW'D HE KNOW WHERE TO FIND US?
WE'VE HAD IT!
CRIPES! LOOK WHO'S HERE!

EFFORTLESSLY, THE MAN OF MIGHT ROUNDS UP THE FLEETING RAIDERS...
WHEW! SUPERMAN!
I ALMOST THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR THIS TIME!
BEAUTIFUL! HE'S USING THE 100'S OWN MAGNETIC CABLE TO HAUL THEM IN!
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SOON, AFTER LOIS HAS BRIEFED SUPERMAN ON THE 100'S INGENIOUS PLAN TO CONTROL OUTER SPACE ...

I'LL *DISMANTLE* THAT DANGEROUS SPACE-NECKLACE AS SOON AS I TAKE THIS SHIP BACK TO EARTH... ALONG WITH THE 10 CROOKS WE BAGGED!

SO MUCH FOR THE *SPACE-RAIDERS!* AT LEAST WE'VE KNOCKED OUT *ONE* OF THE 100'S TEN DEADLY DIVISIONS!

THANKS TO *YOUR* FAST THINKING, LOIS! I NEVER WOULD'VE SPOTTED YOU IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE GIANT *"S" EMBLEM* YOU MADE WITH *ROCKET TRAILS!*

I FIGURED IT WOULD ATTRACT YOUR ATTENTION! NOT BAD, FOR A GIRL WHO ONLY HAD ONE FLYING LESSON IN *SKY-WRITING!*

BUT THEN-- THE OMINOUS CLICKING OF COMPUTERIZED, AUTOMATED, ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS FLASH A GRIM MESSAGE...

YOU CAN NEVER DEFEAT ME-- I HAVE ALREADY TRAINED 10 REPLACEMENTS FOR THE MEN YOU CAPTURED-- ANOTHER DIVISION OF THE 100 WILL STRIKE VERY SOON --- BEWARE!

CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!

LOOK, SUPERMAN!

I'M AFRAID WE'VE ONLY WON *ONE SMALL BATTLE!*

THAT MESSAGE MUST'VE COME FROM WHOEVER *CONTROLS* THE 100!

BUT WHO *IS* THE MASTER-MIND BEHIND THE ORGANIZATION? WHERE DO WE *LOOK* FOR HIM?

I WISH I *KNEW,* LOIS!

AT THAT MOMENT, THOUSANDS OF MILES BELOW-- A CHILLING METALLIC VOICE SENDS OUT AN *ORDER...*

SPACE RAIDERS

DEACTIVATED

HUNTERS

THE-SPACE-RAIDERS-DIVISION-HAS-FAILED! LET-THE-HUNTERS-TAKE-OVER-WHERE-THEY-LEFT-OFF-

AND THAT NIGHT IN LOIS' APARTMENT...

-YAWN- NOW THAT *SUPERMAN* AND I HAVE SHUT DOWN *ONE* OPERATION OF THE 100, I CAN GET A GOOD NIGHT'S *SLEEP!*

BETTER GET *LOTS* OF SLEEP, LOIS! IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE, YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF IN REAL BIG TROUBLE - AND THAT INCLUDES *SUPERMAN!*

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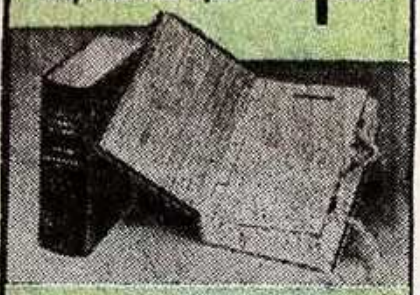

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--MODELS WE'RE DEFINITELY NOT!
POOOF!
OH-- (CHOKE) GAS!!
--IN FACT, WE'RE NOT ANYTHING YOU MIGHT EXPECT, MADAME PONTE!
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PTOFF!
OKAY, LET'S GO!
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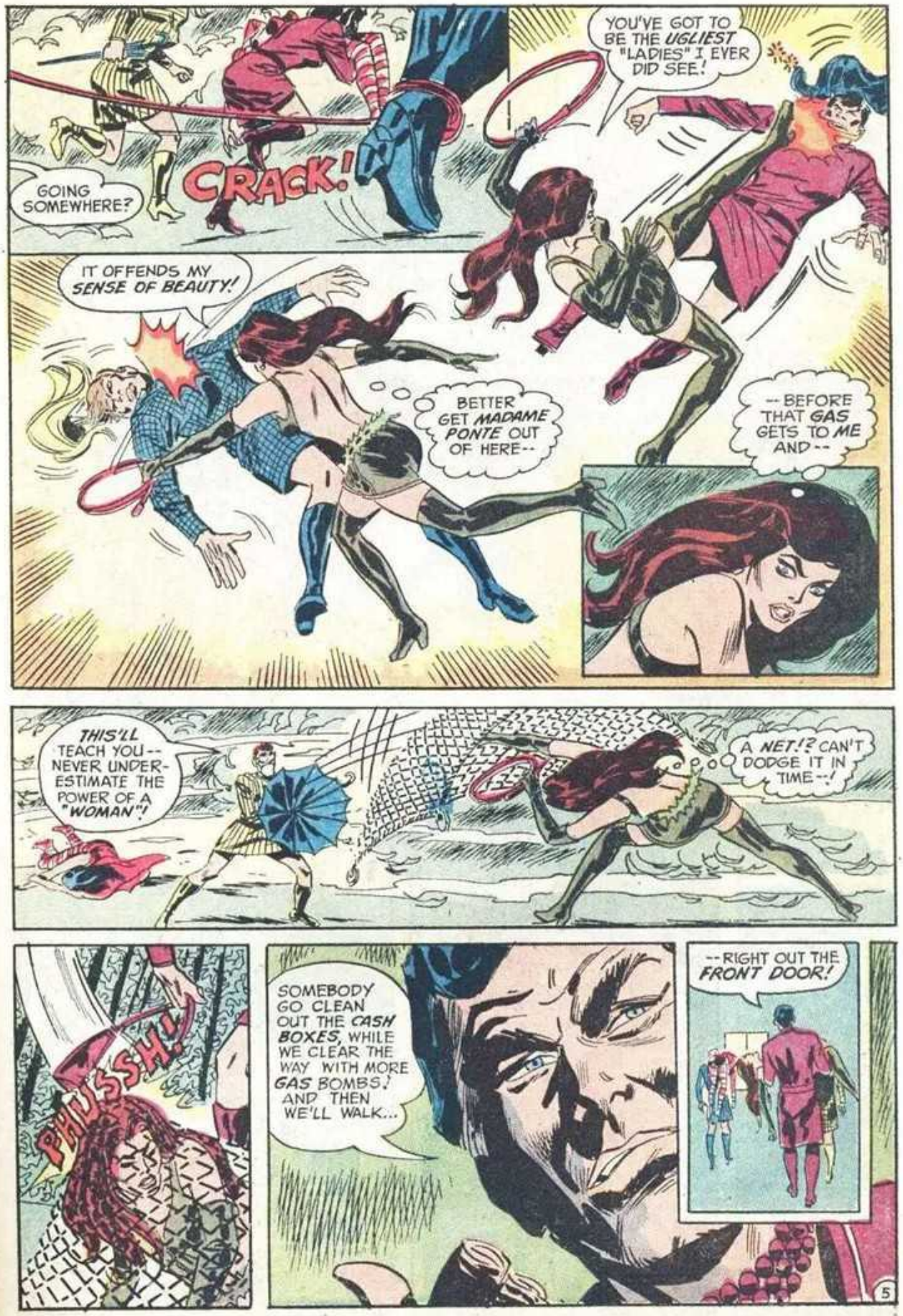
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...MUST CHANGE CLOTHES...
WHAT'S HAPPENING...
...FEEL STRANGE...
NO... CONTROL...
AND THORN INVOLUNTARILY SLIPS INTO HER PASSIVE IDENTITY OF ROSE!
I JUST GAVE THE COPS THE NOTE! NOW WHAT?
WE SIT TIGHT!
OKAY, MEN! IT'S ALL SET
AT THE PRECINCT...
GET THE CHIEF!
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CRASH!
SMASHH!
NO! NOOOO!
I CAN'T S-SWIM-- I CAN'T!
NOW HE TELLS ME!
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YOU CREEPS!
SHE WIPED OUT TWO OF YOU GUYS -- ONE WOMAN! HOW'D SHE DO IT?
MINUTES LATER...
WANTED
THORN!! YOU SAVED THE PONTE WOMAN...!?
WITH ALL HER DOUGH? I HAD TO!
BESIDES THOSE CROOKS WERE BUSTING UP A WOMAN'S PROTEST MARCH! WE CAN'T HAVE THAT!
THORN! WAIT! WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
THAT'S...MY SECRET...
MUST...GO... TIRED...
AND SO A CONFUSED THORN WENDS HER WEARY WAY IN THE NEW DAY'S SUN TO BECOME...
... WHO KNOWS WHAT?
END

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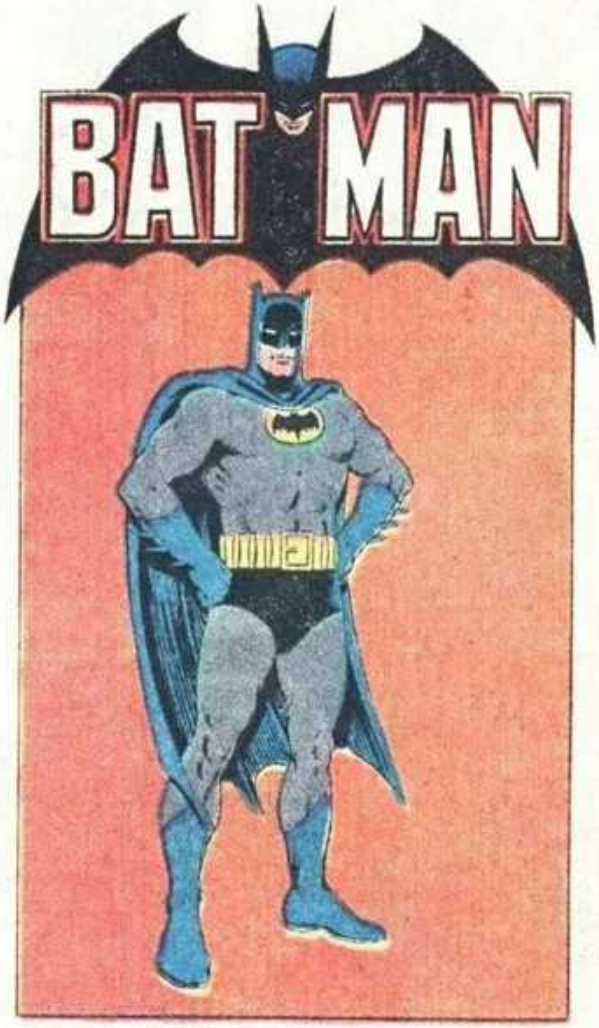

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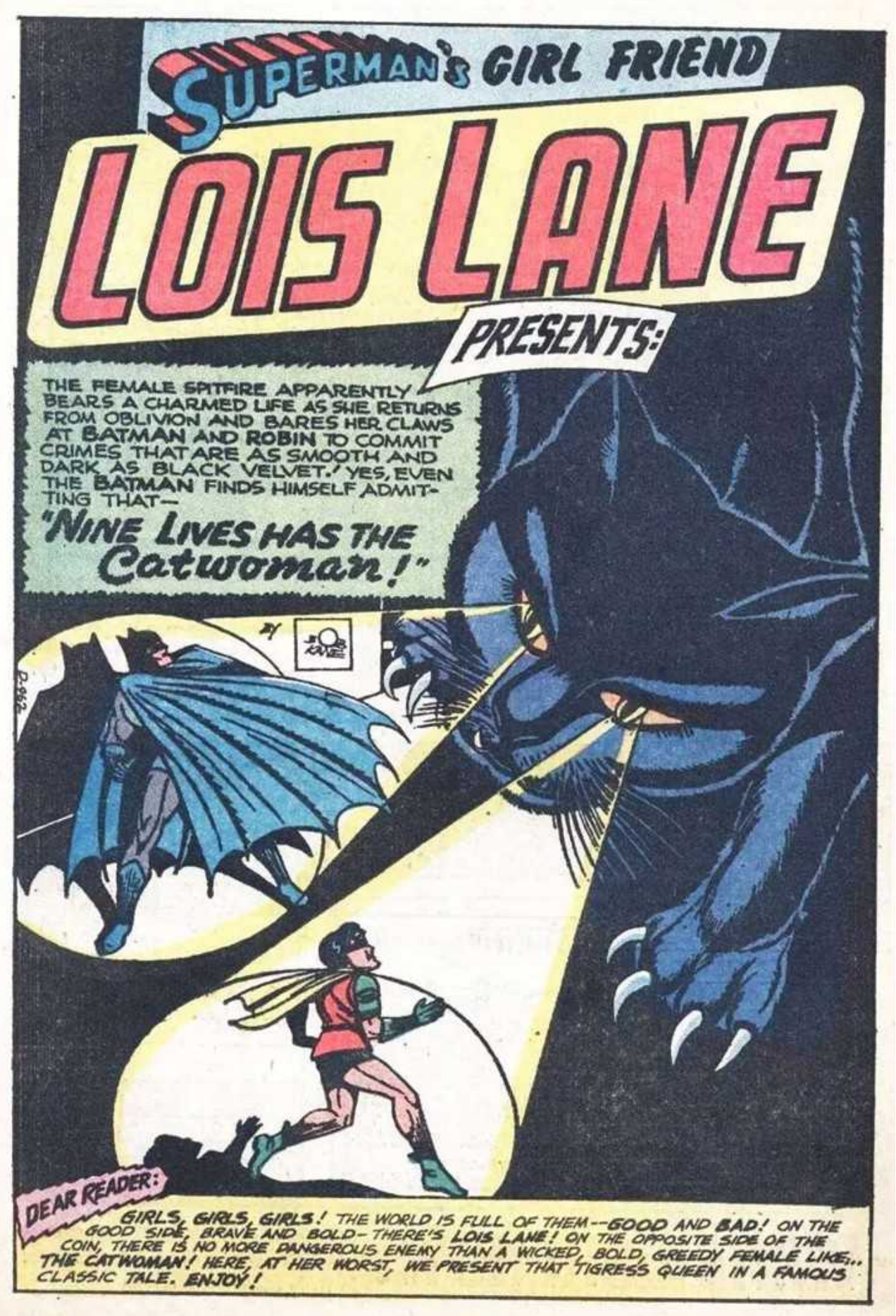
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CAREFUL, DEARIE... DON'T TRIP OVER YOUR LONG CLAWS!
HEE! HEE!
YES, IT IS THAT NOTORIOUS BANDIT PRINCESS – THE CATWOMAN!
NOW THE LEFT HAND, PLEASE!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOUR HIGHNESS... IT AIN'T EVERY DAY THEY GET A PAW-PRINT!
HEE! HEE!
YOU WILL WEAR THESE CLOTHES NOW! ALL PERSONAL EFFECTS WILL BE KEPT FOR YOU UNTIL YOUR RELEASE!
PLEASE... I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK...
MAY I KEEP THIS LOCKET? IT HAS MY MOTHER'S PICTURE. SHE DIED WHEN I WAS SO YOUNG... IT'S ALL I HAVE...
HM... WELL... ALL RIGHT!
THAT NIGHT, THE CATWOMAN ENGAGES THE PRISON MATRON IN CONVERSATION, SUBTLY DRAWING ATTENTION TO HER LOCKET...
WHAT KIND OF STONE IS THAT?
IT COMES FROM CEYLON! THE GEM IS CALLED A CATS-EYE!
CLOSER, CLOSER, THE CATWOMAN BRINGS THE STRANGE CRYSTAL! HER VOICE BECOMES SOFT, DEEP THROATED – A CAT'S PURR!
SEE... SEE THE OPALESCENT REFLECTIONS FROM WITHIN... SEE HOW IT SHINES LIKE A CAT'S EYE...
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THERE IS NO RESISTING THE GEM'S UNEARTHLY BLAZE... CATWOMAN'S HYPNOTIC, PURRING VOICE...
LOOK AT THE CATS-EYE... DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF IT!... NOW, TAKE YOUR KEYS AND OPEN MY CELL DOOR...
YES... THE KEYS... DOOR...

THUS, BY EMPLOYING THE GEM THAT IS HER NAMESAKE, THE CATWOMAN ESCAPES JAIL!

BUT CATWOMAN'S RETURN TO HER UNDERWORLD MOB IS NOT SO SUCCESSFUL...
WELL, BOYS, NOW THAT I'M FREE WE CAN PULL SOME BIG JOBS!
SORRY, CATWOMAN, BUT YOU'RE THROUGH!
THE BATMAN ALWAYS STOPS YOU COLD!

LATER...
I NEED THE BOYS IF I EXPECT TO REBUILD MY CRIME EMPIRE! I'VE GOT TO REGAIN THEIR CONFIDENCE... BUT HOW?
PURR-RR-R! PURR-RR-RR!

OF COURSE! HECATE, YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA! THE UNDERWORLD IS SUPERSTITIOUS— SO I WILL PROVE TO THEM THAT I CAN'T BE KILLED!
PURR-RR-RR! PURR-RR!

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HA! HA!
ARE YOU KIDDIN'?
HUH?

WE DON'T LIKE DAMES WHO THINK THEY CAN TRY FANCY JOKES ON US.' THIS'LL TAKE AWAY ONE O' YER NINE LIVES.'
BANG! BANG!

LOOK! SHE'S STILL STANDIN'!
I STILL HAVE EIGHT LIVES LEFT.' I'M WILLING TO SACRIFICE ANOTHER ONE IF SOMEONE WILL USE A KNIFE THIS TIME...JUST SO YOU'LL BE CONVINCED.'
NOT A MARK ON HER!

IT JUST BOUNCED OFF 'ER!
WE'RE CONVINCED, CATWOMAN.' YOU CAN KEEP YOUR OTHER SEVEN LIVES!

IF THEY ONLY KNEW THAT I HAD ARRANGED FOR MIKE TO FIRE BLANKS AND FOR PETE TO THROW A RUBBER KNIFE!

AND SO, BY CAT CUNNING, THE CATWOMAN AGAIN RULES, AS PRINCESS OF PLUNDER!
OUR FIRST JOB WILL BE HIJACKING A CARGO OF INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS BEING SHIPPED BY DIRIGIBLE.
YES, MA'AM! YES, MA'AM! YES, MA'AM!

THAT NIGHT-AT THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE, ALIAS BATMAN.'
HI, BRUCE! ANY LUCK SHADOWING THE CAT-WOMAN'S OLD GANG? ANY LEAD TO HER?
YES, I SPOTTED ONE OF HER BOYS TALKING WITH A JEWEL FENCE! THAT MEANS SHE'S PLANNING A JEWEL ROBBERY. BUT WHERE?

NOW OUR NIGHTLY NEWS ROUNDUP! POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THE BANDITS WHO STOLE A BILLBOARD BLIMP...
A BLIMP! OF COURSE.' THAT CARGO OF DIAMONDS BEING SHIPPED BY DIRIGIBLE...TONIGHT.' DICK, WE'VE GOT A DATE WITH A CAT AND SOME RATS.'
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SOMEWHERE IN THE CLOUDY NIGHT-SKY OVER GOTHAM CITY, A DIRIGIBLE RIDES THE WIND... WHEN A TINY BALLOON SAILS NEAR...
LOOK, SIR... A BILLBOARD BLIMP! I WONDER WHAT IT'S ADVERTISING?
IT ADVERTISES— CRIME! FOR, THE FLASHING NEON SIGNS WHICH AUTOMATICALLY PRODUCE ANY COMBINATION OF LETTERS, SPELL OUT...
HALT OR WE TOSS
HIJACKERS! SHALL WE FIGHT THEM OFF, SIR?
THERMITE BOMBS!!
NO! THERMITE COULD SET THIS $2,000,000 SHIP AFIRE EASILY! BETTER WE LOSE THE DIAMONDS THAN LIVES!
THE DIRIGIBLE LOWERS A LADDER AND SECONDS LATER THE PIRATE PRINCESS AND TWO HIRELINGS CLAMBER UP LIKE GIANT CATS!
BUT UNOBSERVED AND BLENDING WITH THE NIGHT-SKY, SOMETHING DROPS STRAIGHT DOWN FROM THE CLOUDS! THE BAT-GYRO!
SIT TIGHT, ROBIN... WE'RE GOING DOWN TO SQUAT ON THE DIRIGIBLE ROOF!
THE LOCKS WILL KEEP THE BATGYRO LATCHED ONTO THE ROOF WHILE WE GO DOWN...
HOOKING A LADDER ON THE DIRIGIBLE'S OUTER SKIN, THE DARING DUO DESCENDS!

AND IN THE CARGO ROOM, THE CRIME-BUSTERS EXPLODE INTO ACTION!
HELLO, CATWOMAN! HOW'S THE AIR UP HERE?
BATMAN!

WE'VE BLOCKED THE DOOR! SHE CAN'T GET OUT! OH-OH! WATCH THESE TWO RATS ...I'M GOING AFTER HER!
OKAY, BUT WATCH YOURSELF! SHE'S TRICKY!

PADDING SWIFTLY ALONG THE CATWALK, THE CATWOMAN SEEKS ESCAPE FROM HER RELENTLESS PURSUER!

LIKE A BOLT OF BLACK LIGHTNING SHE STREAKS UP THROUGH AN EMERGENCY HATCH SET IN THE DIRIGIBLE ROOF...
I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO THAT FEMALE SPITFIRE! SHE'S FAST!

AND NOW, SKY-HIGH, BATMAN AND CATWOMAN MEET AGAIN!
SORRY... BUT YOU'RE NOT SENDING ME TO JAIL AGAIN!

THEN IT HAPPENS! A STRONG CROSS-WIND HITS THE DIRIGIBLE AND—
UHHH...
LOOK OUT!

LATER... **BATMAN** IS STILL SHAKEN WITH THE HORROR OF **CATWOMAN'S** TRAGIC FALL...

BATMAN... UH...THE BANDITS IN THE BLIMP...WHEN THEY SAW THE **CATWOMAN** DROP, THEY CUT LOOSE AND ESCAPED!

SHE'S DEAD, **ROBIN**! SHE WAS A CRIMINAL— BUT SOMEHOW... WELL, NOW SHE'S **DEAD**!

NOT HER! THE **CATWOMAN** CAN'T DIE! **SHE'S GOT SIX LIVES LEFT!**

BUT PROVIDENCE... (OR PERHAPS THE LEGENDARY NINE LIVES OF A CAT!) ***DOES*** SAVE **CATWOMAN** ...FOR SHE HAS LANDED IN **WATER** AND EVEN NOW SWIMS TO SAFETY!

AND SO BEGINS A SERIES OF BANDIT ESCAPADES WITH **CATWOMAN** MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPING DEATH EACH TIME. BUT IS SHE, IN REALITY, DRAWING UPON HER NINE LIVES, **ONE** AT A TIME ???

WELL, BRUCE, **CATWOMAN** IS STILL ALIVE — AND SCRATCHING!

IF ONLY I COULD LOCATE HER NEW HIDEOUT. WAIT... I'VE AN IDEA — BUT FIRST I'LL HAVE TO LET COMMISSIONER GORDON IN ON IT!

LATER... AT A NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL HANGOUT...
(GULP) B-BATMAN AND ROBIN!
I'M LOOKING FOR MOUSEY MAGER!
YOW! HE'S AFTER ME, GUYS! STOP 'IM!
ALL WE CAME FOR WAS MOUSEY — NOT TROUBLE, SO DON'T MAKE ME MAD!
WHOA! YOU'VE GOT SOME EXPLAINING TO DO — AT HEADQUARTERS!
HEADQUARTERS... AND AFTER A THOROUGH GRILLING...
I'M TELLIN' YA I AIN'T SEEN THE CATWOMAN! I WANTA CALL MY LAWYER! YOU CAN'T HOLD ME!
I'M AFRAID HE'S RIGHT, BATMAN! WE HAVEN'T GOT A THING ON HIM!
SO MOUSEY LEAVES... BUT NOT WITHOUT MAKING SURE HE'S NOT BEING TRAILED...
NO BULLS ARE SHADOWING ME! I GUESS I'M IN THE CLEAR!
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BUT, UNKNOWN TO MOUSEY, HIS VERY FOOTSTEPS LEAVE AN INVISIBLE TRAIL BEHIND—BECOMING VISIBLE AND GLOWING WHEN VIEWED WITH INFRA-RED FILTER LENSES...
PAINTING THE FLOOR AROUND THAT CHAIR WITH INFRA-RED PAINT WAS A SLICK IDEA! MOUSEY GOT THE STUFF ALL OVER HIS SHOES! NOW WE CAN TRAIL HIM!
THAT'S USING ONE OF THE CATWOMAN'S OWN MEN AS A DUPE—AS A CAT'S PAW!
LATER... THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...
END OF THE TRAIL! LOOKS LIKE A CAVE!
THIS IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR! THE CATWOMAN'S LAIR! COME ON!
BUT EVEN AS THEY ENTER, AN IRON DOOR CLANGS DOWN BEHIND THEM! SEEMING TO COME FROM NOWHERE, YET FROM EVERYWHERE, PURRING CONTENTEDLY...
GOOD EVENING, BATMAN! HOW YOU TRAILED MY MAN I DON'T KNOW, BUT YOU ARE IN HERE—AND YOU'LL STAY HERE!
CLANG!
THERE'S ONLY ONE EXIT AND I KNOW IT! I DEFY YOU TO FIND YOUR WAY OUT! THE MAZE OF PASSAGEWAYS WILL CONFUSE YOU! YOUR BURIAL GROUND WILL BE FITTING—THE CAT-ACOMBS!
THE CATWOMAN'S CATACOMBS! HOLY CATS!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! YOU CAN WRITE YOUR THESIS ON THE "CAT" CATCH PHRASES LATER!
"THESIS"? THAT'S IT! THESEUS, THE MYTHICAL GREEK HERO! REMEMBER? WHEN HE WENT INTO THE LABYRINTH TO SLAY THE MINOTAUR HE USED A SKEIN OF SILK THREAD TO FIND HIS WAY OUT!
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NOT THROUGH THIS ONE! THERE'S PART OF THE ROPE!
WE'LL TRY FURTHER ON!

MINUTES CRAWL BY WITH TORTUROUS, FUNERAL PACE! FINALLY...
WHAT'S THE IDEA?
WE'VE REACHED THE END OF OUR ROPE... AND I MEAN JUST THAT! START TEARING YOUR CAPE INTO LONG, THIN STRIPS!

A MICROPHONE! PROBABLY HAD OUTLETS IN THE CORRIDORS! NO WONDER HER VOICE CAME FROM ALL OVER!
ROBIN, WE'VE GOT TO HURRY! ACCORDING TO THESE PLANS, CATWOMAN HAS GONE TO RAID THE MILLIONAIRE WEAPON COLLECTOR, CARL GIBBS!

AND DARTING THROUGH THE BLACK NIGHT, HER LITHE BODY POISED, HER EYES GLEAMING IN THE DARK — THE CATWOMAN!
LIKES TO KEEP HIS HOUSE NEAT, DON'T HE?
WE'LL MAKE HIS HOUSE SO NEAT, IT'LL BE EMPTY! C'MON!

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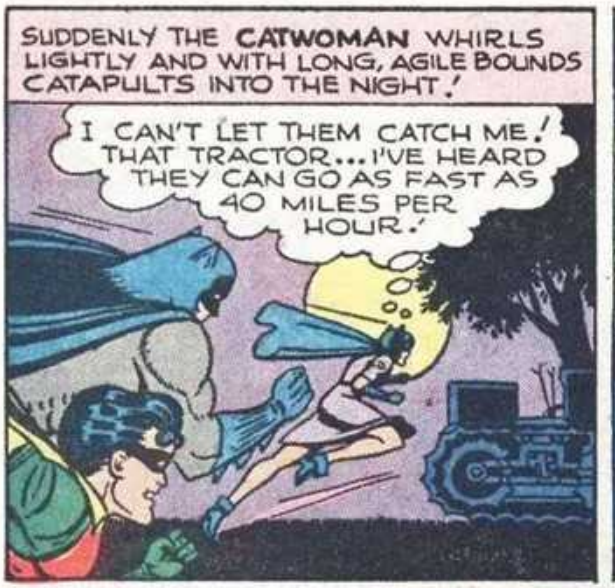
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I CAN'T LET THEM CATCH ME! THAT TRACTOR... I'VE HEARD THEY CAN GO AS FAST AS 40 MILES PER HOUR!

NO YOU DON'T!

WANT TO BET I DO?

AND NOW THE CATWOMAN ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE—IN A CATERPILLAR TRACTOR!
YOW!

BUT EVEN THE CATWOMAN'S QUICK EYES DO NOT SPY THE HALF-BURIED BOULDER IN HER PATH! THE TRACTOR IS SUDDENLY KICKED OFF BALANCE AND— CATASTROPHE!
YAAAAAA

AND SO VERY FAR DOWN BELOW, THE THUNDERING CATARACT WAITS FOR THE CATWOMAN!
STRANGE, SHE SHOULD DIE THAT WAY...
I WONDER IF SHE REALLY IS DEAD? I WONDER IF MOCKING FATE ISN'T WORKING TO PROTECT THE CAT-WOMAN'S NINTH LIFE... FOR SHE HAD ONE LIFE LEFT! I WONDER...??
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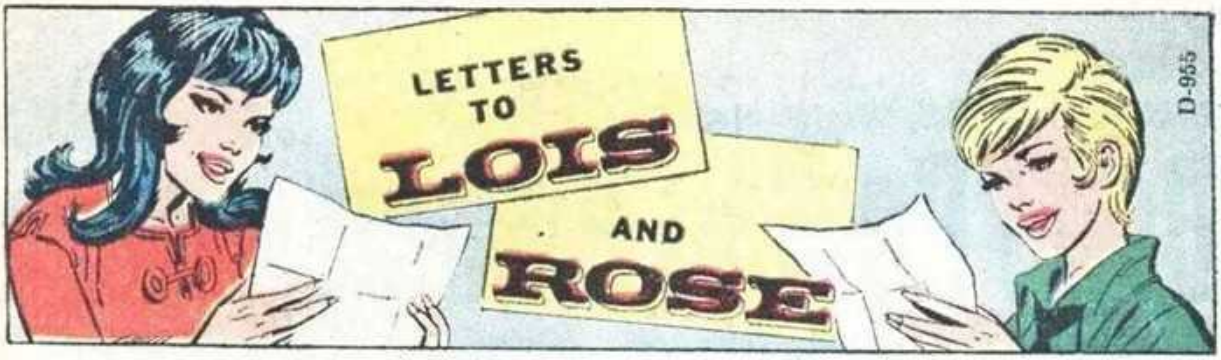

Dear Editor:

Lois Lane is more human and alive than some people I know! "Inside the Outsiders" was utterly sensational, with *Lucy* seeming to be almost a different girl! Perhaps her split-up with *Jimmy Olsen* affected her more than she thought. (Why did they actually break up?)

The two *Morgan Edges* also provided excitement, which I think would be heightened if *Darkseid did* learn that the original is still alive. You are doing a tremendous job in keeping the *Superman* family mags as consistent a whole as possible. In all the mags, *Edge* the fake has been portrayed as a rotten skunk, and running *Inter-Gang is* how he serves *Darkseid*, so I don't see Bob Rozakis' point. Anyway, the Roth-Colletta art has been consistently outstanding.

As for *Rose and the Thorn*, I'm crazy about her, too. "The Silent Sniper" was exceptionally good, in story and art. I like the way *Rose's* character is portrayed. She is basically gentle and non-violent, so I don't think she could murder anyone as *The Thorn*. The person who reacts to a situation with murder can't be completely rational, and a killer *Thorn* would be no better than the slime she hunts. Keep her just as she is.

Gerard Triano, Elmont, N.Y.

(Right—though in that very issue you reviewed, The Thorn *killed a man. It was not, however, deliberate murder. When he tried to kill her, she used a judo trick that sent him down an elevator shaft instead of her. That comes under the heading of self-defense.*—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

I like the turn your *Lois Lane* stories are taking. *Superman* is finally giving *Lois* the attention she deserves. The stories are beginning to hold the reader's mind for once.

I'm glad to see you remember that *Lois* has a sister. I'd prefer *Lucy* to get a hobby, though, like being a female detective. She'd still be an airline stewardess, but in her spare time she wouldn't be risking her neck doing nothing but daredevil stunts.

Now down to *Lois*. She's become more of a human character. In other words, she acts *normal*, and that's important.

I'm absolutely elated to see her growing her hair out (she gets cuter by the month) and recognizing the trend for center-parted bangs. Soon she'll be rivaling *The Thorn* for DC's most beautiful girl.

Lois has gotten into it in the past few months, wearing clothes that look good instead of the look-alike suits she always used to wear. I can't remember seeing her in hip-hugging flare slacks yet, though.

As for *The Thorn*—perfect as usual. I agree with the suggestion that she slam the mobsters up more. The artwork continues to be great. Now, as for having other characters meet *The Thorn*—how about *Wonder Woman* or *Black Canary*? Their fighting methods are *very* similar, even if their reasons for crime-fighting aren't.

Elizabeth Hartlee, Groveland, Fla.

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Dear Editor:

Although I enjoy *Rose and the Thorn*, lately the art seems to be far more advanced than the plot. For example, as an editorial note states, *The Thorn* is totally unaware that she is *Rose*. Yet how can she be unaware when a couple of issues earlier, she sent *Rose* a *Thorn* costume so that she could become *The Thorn* in the resort town?

And how can *Danny Stone* not have some inkling of *Rose's* double identity? In the origin story, the psychiatrist showed him that *Rose* was schizoid and that she became a wild, raging individual after she went to sleep. On numerous occasions he's seen *Rose* take on a vengeful look; but all he can think is, "*Rose* is never like that." Well, she is like that and he's seen her like that. If he's really such a good detective, he should have an idea what's going on. After all, he's gotten a good look at both aspects of *Rose:* a wig and a change of expression shouldn't fool him forever.

In addition, the psychiatrist said that the two separate personalities should begin to merge. You have shown a little of that when *Rose* briefly got that vengeful look when standing by her father's grave, or when she overheard something at her boss's office which *Thorn* acted on. If what that psychiatrist says is true, *Rose* should be regaining some of her savage side and maybe even developing an awareness of her double life. I like *Rose and the Thorn*, but if the characters remain static, each story will look the same, but not as good as the one before.

Israel Oppenheimer, Baltimore, Md.

(We never said The Thorn *was* completely *unaware of her* Rose *identity—only that she can't recall everything that happens to her as* Rose. *As for bringing about changes—we're already doing that. You like?* —E.N.B.)

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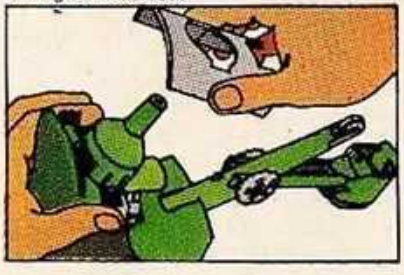

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